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A DUTY WELL DONE.

The verdict of the jury in the Davenport case is so fully in accord with the evidence produced that it should meet the approval of every law-abiding citizen of Newport News.

The murder was a particularly atrocious crime and seems to have been planned with a skill and cunning found only in criminals of the more dangerous type. That one or two minor details of the plot went awry and enabled an intelligent officer to trace the crime back to its perpetrator is one of the characteristics of most well-planned murders.

We know that many persons are conscientiously opposed to capital punishment and are especially loth to send a man to the gallows on circumstantial evidences, but we doubt if there is a single person in the city who has followed the case, who has the slightest doubt concerning the guilt of the prisoner.

In the past there have been so many tender-hearted jurymen that it almost seemed as dangerous to steal a loaf of bread in Virginia as to shoot a man, so far as the measure of punishment was concerned, but the action of the jury which yesterday finished its arduous and patriotic service gives notice to those of vicious tendencies that there has been a reaction in public sentiment and that the majesty of the law will be maintained.

Such a man as Davenport has been shown to be a menace to civilized society. Without passion and without resentment society should place him beyond the possibility of again scheming and carrying out the ingenious devices of his depraved mind.

The jury has done its duty; now let the verdict be carried out without undue delay.

WHY PRESIDENT FAVORS A LOCK CANAL.

In his letter recommending a lock canal at Panama the President says that there is no question of building a waterway through which the largest vessels could go with safety at uninterrupted high speed. Either type of canal under consideration would be too narrow and shallow to be called with truthfulness a strait or to have any of the properties of a wide deep-water strip. Each type has certain advantages and disadvantages, but in the opinion of the President the disadvantages are fewer and the advantages very much greater in the case of a lock canal. He points out that the sea-level canal would be slightly less exposed to damage in the event of war; the running expense, apart from the heavy cost of interest on the amount employed in construction, would be less, and for small ships transit time probably would be less. On the other hand, it is pointed out that the lock canal, at a level of eighty feet or thereabouts would cost not much more than half as much to build and could be built in about half

the time, while there would be very much less risk connected with building it, and, for large ships, the transit would be quicker. Taking into account the interest on the amount saved in building, the actual cost of maintenance would be less, and, after being built, it would be easier to enlarge the lock than the sea-level canal.

The President's views are based upon reports made by competent engineers after the subject had been thoroughly considered from every standpoint. If the sea-level canal does not offer sufficient advantages to make up for the difference in cost of constructing the two types, it would, of course, be the height of folly to adopt that type of canal.

Time also is an important feature of the undertaking. There has been enough delay already. All other things being equal the plan which promises the completed canal at the earliest possible moment should be adopted.

LAKE SUBMARINE CRUISER AND THE "SQUARE DEAL."

The announcement of the launching of the Lake submarine cruiser at the shipyard will be read with interest by all persons who have followed with interest the progress of submarine construction. The Lake type is diametrically opposite to the submarines now in the United States navy and under construction. Much has been claimed for both types and the type in such matters in at sea when it comes to a show-down between the contestants. It is quite evident, however, that the Lake Company has not been given an entirely square deal by the Navy Department. That fact, coupled with the knowledge that at least one great European power has been found to invest large sums of money in Lake boats, is enough to give the ordinary person an idea that something more than a patriotic desire to protect the government has stood in the way of a proper trial of the Lake boat. We will watch with interest the tests of the new cruiser and if it shall make good the claims set forth by its inventor, we trust that some one in authority in the Navy Department will yet see to it that the Connecticut man is given the "square deal" for which the administration claims to stand.

"Hope springs eternal," etc. Even Davenport seems to have expected an acquittal.

THE FRILLED LIZARD.

It Carries an Umbrella and Has a Fighting Tail.

The frilled lizard is found in Australian woods, being tolerably abundant in north Queensland and the Kimberley district of western Australia. It lives on beetles such as are found on the tree barks. It is about three feet long, measured from head to tail point. What makes it remarkable consists of two things—its hurried walk and its fighting anger.

It carries a sort of natural umbrella top about its neck, which it elevates suddenly with an alarming effect even to ordinary lizard killing dogs, scaring them as an umbrella opened in the face of a charging bull; hence it is called the frilled lizard. Its teeth are not of much use as a defense against a vigorous animal, but when it fights it uses its long, lithe tail in a way to bring long bruises on one's hands—in fact, could it be properly trained, it might serve as an automatic switch, which, like the magic rub-a-dub-dub stick, would at the word administer a thrashing to the disobedient child.

From the scientific point of view the creature's peculiar method of ambulation is most interesting, because it presents an absurdly grotesque appearance at such times, more especially from the rear. It walks bipedally or on two feet, like a bird, and so much does it resemble a bird in its walk that it seems to be the connecting link between the ancestors of birds and the lizards of today.

HANGED TO MUSIC.

Doomed Man Sang "I Want to Be an Angel" With the Crowd.

"In the early days of Wyoming, when there were but a few churches and many infractions of law, a man of the name of Barstow, who never knew fear and was a devout Christian, was elected to the office of sheriff," said a citizen of that state. "Soon after Barstow entered upon the duties of his office a man was convicted for a capital crime.

"The fact that there was no minister within reach preyed upon the mind of the sheriff, who undertook to supply the lack by holding an hour's Bible reading in the condemned man's cell and praying with him. As the time for the hanging approached Barstow became possessed with the fear that he had not acquitted himself of the spiritual responsibility devolving upon him and devised a programme that was new and unique. After the victim of the law's mandate was placed upon the platform and everything was in readiness the sheriff prayed long and fervently. Then he called for some one to start a hymn, and a man near the platform began the only one he knew, 'I Want to Be an Angel,' in which the prisoner joined.

"As the last verse was sung the sheriff busied himself adjusting the noose, and immediately upon its conclusion the trap was sprung."

WANTED AN INQUISITOR

Inter-State Commerce Commission

After Hughes.

GOVERNMENT NEEDS A SURGEON

Man Who Conducted the Insurance Investigation May Be Employed to Put the Railroad Magnates on the Rack and Turn the Thumb Screws.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—The Interstate Commerce Commission is out on a still hunt for counsel to assist in conducting the railroad investigation imposed upon it by the Tillman-Gillespie joint resolution.

Charles E. Hughes, of New York, is the man the commission would like to have and it is said that he has been tentatively offered the position. Should he decline, either Judge Calhoun, of Chicago, formerly a member of the commission, and recently special commissioner to Venezuela for the State Department, or John G. Carlisle, former secretary of the treasury, may be selected.

A man of national reputation will be chosen within a week.

Ironmonger.

The word "ironmonger" has as curious an origin as any other word in the English language. It means literally an eater of iron and came to its present use in this way. There was once a law that forbade buying fish to sell again, and the fish hawkers, who still carried on their trade in spite of this law, were facetiously termed fish eaters or fish-mongers, for, to evade the law, their large purchases of fish were said to be for their own consumption. Gradually the term monger was applied to other trades, as cheesemonger, until at last it came to mean any middle man, a distinguished one from a manufacturer, and so was applied to the dealer in hardware.—London Graphic.

Why He Was Elected.

A manufacturer in the north of England expected to be beaten at the polls by his own employees, with whom he was extremely unpopular. To his surprise he was returned. His puzzled agent sought for an explanation. "How is it," he asked one of the workmen, "you voted for your master when you all have such a bad opinion of him?" "Well, you see, mon, we voted for 'im so he cud put hisself away in parliament in London. We don't want 'im 'ere!"

Eye Photographs.

An image impressed upon the retina of the eye remains there an appreciable time. This is the reason why a torch swung rapidly seems to be a circular flame. The sensibility of the retina is indifferent at different times of the day. Every one has noticed how on waking in the morning and looking at the bright window, then closing the eyes, he will observe an impression or phantom of the window for an appreciable time after his eyes are closed.

Some Old Men.

"After all, you know," said Mr. Oldbeard, "a man is only as old as he feels."

"Yes," said Miss Pepprey, "but some old men make the mistake of thinking they are as young as they think they feel." Philadelphia Press.

The Drawback.

"How do you like being civilized?" asked the philanthropist. "Well," answered the simple child of nature, "civilization is great for the mind, but it is mighty hard on the digestion."—Washington Star.

Ability doth hit the mark where presumption overshooteth and diffidence falleth short.—Cusa.

LAME EVERY MORNING.

A Bad Back Is Always Worse in the Morning.—Newport News People Are Finding Relief.

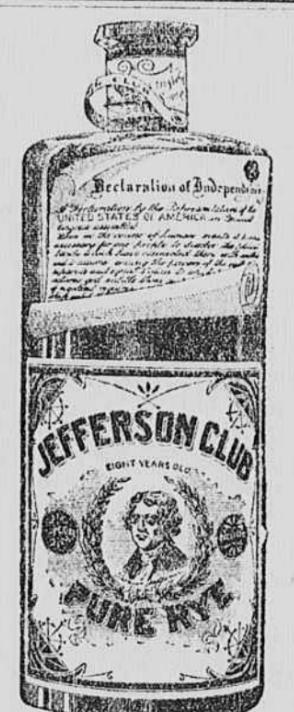
A back that aches all day and causes discomfort at night is usually worse in the morning. Makes you feel as if you hadn't slept at all.

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